

Local Beat: Hopscotch Music Festival

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135 bands. 72 hours. 13 stages. The Independent Weekly's second annual Hopscotch Music Festival announced to the world that Raleigh knows how to party. From September 8 to 10, attendees and artists hopped around downtown from venue to venue hearing anything from indie rock to bluegrass. They head-banged, they crowd surfed, and they even waltzed. And despite the mingling of such musical differences, in the end everyone agreed that they couldn't wait for Hopscotch to come again next year. Here's a photo recap.



(top) Wanye Cohen of the Flaming Lips, bobbing through City Plaza in a huddle, indyweek.com (left) Crowd surfing during the Future Islands set at Lincoln Theater, newraleigh.com (right) Raleigh favorite, Lonnie Walker, closing out Kin's, newraleigh.com

What's Up In Raleigh: 9/21-10/5

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Sept. 21 – 25: Burning Coal Theater Presents "Enron" @ the Murphy School

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2: International Festival of Raleigh @ Raleigh Convention Center

Sept. 21: Fleet Foxes with the Walkmen @ Raleigh Amphitheater

23: Hurricanes vs. Predators @ the RBC Center
Widespread Panic @ Raleigh Amphitheater

24: Discovery: Raleigh's Finest Dance Party @ King's

27: Wilco @ Raleigh Amphitheater

30: Hurricanes vs. Blue Jackets @ RBC Center

NCMA's Fall Film Series Presents "L'age D'or" @ NCMA

Oct. 1: NC State vs. Georgia Tech @ Carter Finley

Cesar Millan @ Memorial Auditorium

Romney and Perry Combat for Candidacy

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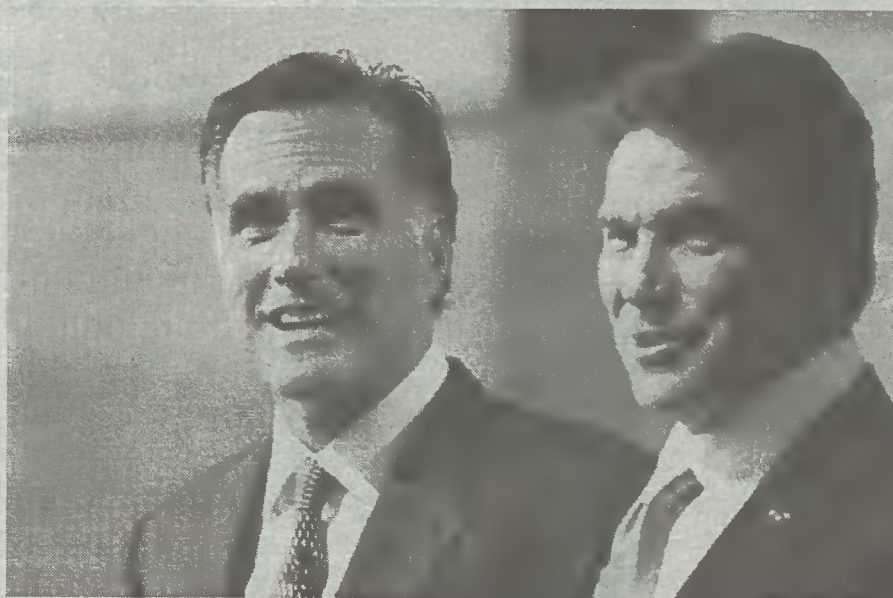


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In the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on September seventh, eight Republican presidential candidates battled it out at the GOP National debate. Michele Bachmann, Rick Santorum, Herman Cain, Rick Perry, John Huntsman, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, and Mitt Romney did what they could to prove they have what it takes to run America. But it was Romney, former governor of Massachusetts, and Perry, governor of Texas, who came out on top.

The questions started addressed to Perry, the first one commenting on the great number of poor people in Texas. Perry refuted this poverty figure by stating that he had created one million jobs as governor. He then continued on to comment how Obama has not created the jobs that he promised as president.

Romney was next questioned about the jobs in Massachusetts. The moderator said that Massachusetts was 47th in the country on job creation, but Romney disagreed, saying that numbers were much worse before he came into office while the unemployment rate was now at 4.7 percent after his term. He followed up by saying that he has "created more jobs in Massachusetts than the president has created in the entire country." Romney attributes that to the fact that he has not been a politician his whole life; his experiences with helping and making enterprises helped him understand how to create jobs and decrease the unemployment rate.

Within ten minutes of the debate, Romney and Perry began trashing the other's reforms and actions in their state governments. Perry commenced by firing at Romney's job creation and health reform reforms in Massachusetts.

Romney defended his position by stating that Perry has more natural resources and a more cooperative state legislature in the friendlier environment of Texas.

"I think Romney and Perry should debate," said Dr. Clyde Frazier, Meredith College professor of political science. "It kind of tends to happen. In general, they were both pretty accurate, particularly the job creation disagreement. They were both right on."

The question of immigration reform came up and was asked to all of candidates. Perry spoke about adding more border patrols for security, because "it is not safe on that border." Romney suggested adding a fence and agents to secure it, as well as stating that he wants to stop helping illegal immigrants by finding jobs and tuition breaks.

The debate started to come to a close with Perry defending his decision on the death penalty:

"When someone commits the most heinous of crimes against our citizens, they get a fair hearing, they through an appeals process, and they go to up to the Supreme Court of the United States if that's necessary. But if you come into our state and kill one of our children, you kill a police officer, you're involved in a crime and you kill one of our citizens, you will face the ultimate justice in the state of Texas. And that is, you will be executed."

"I think the Republicans are going to win against President Obama," Dr. Frazier said about the outcome of the debate. "I think that Obama's numbers are terrible, and I think that he gets in a place where people stop taking him seriously. Most importantly, the economy is going to be the number one issue, and I don't know anyone who thinks the economy is going to be good enough in 2012 to save Obama."